

A Rev-Perf Catalog Update

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Ed Note: The following are extracted from Art's Newsletter No. 4. I have been added to the e-mailing and will continue to reflect Art's notes in future *Bulletins*. Even if you are not involved in the ongoing cataloging effort, you may be able to contribute information for specific requests as reflected below. I am sure all help is welcome!

Has anyone seen a beer stamp with the pattern SFBLtd/d/FB ? Chuck did not have it listed in his beer card deck. I have poor images of the pattern SFBLtd/d/JWB for 1917 and 1919, again not in Chuck's card deck. The image I have for the SFBLtd/d/FB pattern is dated 12.29.17 in a Fermented Liquor Export Stamp, rubber stamped "The San Francisco Breweries, Ltd.". It sold on eBay for \$3269.87 in June 2004.

An article in The American Revenuer of June 1960 on Massachusetts stock transfer stamps indicated that the cancellation be by writing or stamping his initials and date and that the stamps be perforated to prohibit reuse. I've examined many Massachusetts document of the 1915 to 1917 period without finding perfins.

The catalog (sequence) number consists of three parts. The first is first letter of the pattern. (numbers and designs will be handled differently). The second is a letter to indicate what type of perforations is being described. The last part is four digits with the last digit usually a zero to handle new additions and minor varieties. Numbers

usually starts with 0020 to leave space for possible new patterns.

Current planning for second letter of the sequence number are:

- "A" Perforated Initials, Insignia & Numbers
- "B" Perforated Dated Cancels on Transactions (Documentary, Stock Transfers, Future Delivery, & Silver Tax)
- "C" Cut-Out Initials & Numbers (coding for cut-out designs is in flux)
- "D" Fermented Grains (Beer, Malt liquor, etc.)
- "E" Fermented Fruits (Wine, Fermented Fruit Juice, etc.)
- "F" Distilled Spirits (Liquors, Distilled Spirits, etc.)
- "G" Tobacco Products (Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Customs, etc.) using firms name
- "H" Tobacco Products (Cigars, Cigarettes, Tobacco, Customs, etc.) using factory number and collection district (coding is in flux and may require more than six characters)
- "I" Other Taxable Products (Cosmetics, Narcotics, Oleomargarine, Playing Cards, Proprietary)
- "J" Identification Numbers (Vendor/Supplier, Order Numbers, etc.) (Styles only)
- "K" Financial (Document Cancellations, Auditor Punches, Check Writers)
- "L" Other Non-Postage Stamp Perforated Initials, Insignia & Numbers (coding to be determined).